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International Search Report mailed May 24, 2005 in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014751, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

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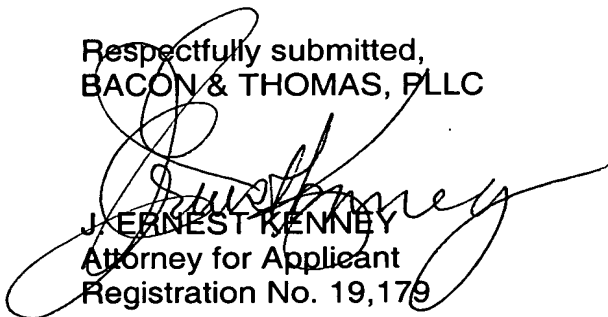
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